



**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133**  
**Meeting Minutes for Regular Council Meeting RM 08-22**  
**10:00 am, Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office situated at 4202 50<sup>th</sup> Street in the Town of Spirit River in the Province of Alberta on Wednesday , April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

<b>Reeve:</b>	<b>Tony Van Rootselaar</b>
<b>Councillors:</b>	<b>Elaine Garrow Stan Bzowy Nick vanRootselaar</b>
<b>Administration:</b>	<b>Assistant CAO, Dianne Nellis Shirley Hayden</b>
<b>Public Works:</b>	<b>Public Works Director, Dave Johnson</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>CAO, Dan Dibbelt</b>

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Van Rootselaar called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**2. AGENDA ADDITIONS**

- A. 14.F Letter to the Health Minister regarding Alberta Health Services.**
- B. 14.G. Letter to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General.**

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

- A. Adoption of the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda RM 08-22.**

**084.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting RM 08-22 with the Agenda Additions be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

**5. COUNCILLOR ABSENCES**

**6. PUBLIC HEARING**

**7. DELEGATIONS**

**8. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- A. Adoption of Minutes from the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Council Meeting RM 07-22**

**085.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Minutes from the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Council Meeting RM 07-22 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**10. REPORTS**

**A. Public Works Report**

Public Works Supervisor Dave Johnson reviewed with Council the following items:

- Mr Johnson received a call from a concerned ratepayer regarding safety concerns and Heavy Truck traffic on RR62, Public Works staff will install reduced speed signs in the area for the period during increased road traffic.
- Telus installed internet on Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup>, ready for the Fire Chief to move in.
- Grading: grading washout areas along with grading roads where it is dry enough.
- Met with NewGen and WSP at the Burnt River Erosion Site.
- Brushing is complete for now.
- Signage: Rural address signs have been ordered for the G3 Terminal permanent approach.
- Ongoing review of Bridge Files: inputting all relevant information from most recent Bridge File Inspections to Excel software.

**086.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Public Works Report be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11. COUNCIL REPORTS**

**12. TABLED ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS**

**13. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES**

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MuniSight and RCMP Collaboration.**

**087.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Council the Municipal District not enter into a data sharing agreement with MuniSight to provide RCMP with Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 GIS data.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. Grande Spirit Foundation – Motion to accept the Regional Needs Assessment.**

Grande Spirit Foundation (GSF) has provided information as per provincial requirement, if Municipal partners wish to conduct their own housing needs assessment. Council was reminded that there has been a Regional Needs Assessment conducted by Grande Spirit Foundation as well as the local area assessment.

**088.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that The Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 does not need its own separate housing needs assessment and that it accepts the Regional Needs Assessment conducted by Grande Spirit Foundation.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C. 2021 Road Allowance Lease.**

**089.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council direct administration to contact residents with Road Lease agreements and are required to sign leases and pay any outstanding road allowance leases for 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D. Spirit River Municipal Library: Request to increase annual donation.**

**090.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Council increase the contribution amount to the Municipal Libraries from \$750.00 to \$1000.00 per year.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E. Policy Review - ASB 08. Agricultural Equipment Rentals, ASB.09. Agricultural Equipment Rental Rates.**

**091.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council approve policy ASB 08. Agricultural Equipment Rentals as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**F. Letter to the Ministers of Health, Labour and Immigration and Alberta Health Services regarding Alberta Health Services; Shortages in Health Services and Staff in the Central Peace Health area.**

Amid the growing staff crisis in the Central Peace Region hospitals, dedicated health care providers are completely overwhelmed, and they urgently need support. Council discussed the idea of implementing an incentive program for persons considering relocating to Canada that have a background in healthcare to come work in the area. Council is calling on the government to take immediate steps to address the seriousness of the Healthcare staff shortage impacting our Northern Hospitals.

**092.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Council direct Administration to write a Letter to the Ministers of Health, Labour and Immigration, and Alberta Health Services regarding Shortages in Health Services and Staff in the Central Peace Health area.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**G. Letter to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General the Honourable Tyler Shandro – Letter of Support Re: The Alberta Provincial Police Force.**

The Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 genuinely respects and supports the government's plan to implement an Alberta Provincial Police Force. To better address rural communities' concerns regarding response times; firearm law enforcement and bureaucracy, a Provincial Police force could give Alberta the ability to gain further independence from federal government statuses while providing services that rural Albertans need.

**093.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council direct Administration to write a letter of support to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, the Honourable Tyler Shandro, in favour of the Provincial Government's proposal for an Alberta Police Force.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**094.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Council approve policy ASB 09. Agricultural Equipment Rental Rates as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**15. BYLAWS**

**A. Bylaw No. 02-AM-2022 to amend Bylaw. 05-2021 - Council and Committee Procedures Bylaw.**

**095.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Bylaw 02-AM-2022, for the purpose of amending Bylaw No.05-2021 Council and Committee Procedures, be read a first time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**096.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Bylaw 02-AM-2022 be read a second time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**097.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that consent be given to have a third and final reading of Bylaw 02-AM-2022.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**098.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Bylaw 02-AM-2022 be given third and final reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. Bylaw 01- 2022 - Bylaw Enforcement Officer.**

**099.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Bylaw 01-2022, be read a first time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**100.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that Bylaw 01-2022, be read a second time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**101.04.20.22** Moved by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar that consent be given for third and final reading of Bylaw 01-2022.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**102.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Bylaw 01-2022 be given third and final reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Stan Bzowy left the meeting 11:28 a.m. and returned at 11:36 a.m.  
CAO Dan Dibbelt entered the meeting via Conference Call at 11:28 a.m.

**CAO Report**

CAO Dibbelt reviewed with Council the following items:

- Spirit River Airport Lights are installed.
- Fish and Wildlife investigating options for office space and cost.
- Next PREDA meeting is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- Medical Clinic; Next meeting planned for April 27<sup>th</sup> , review contracts and the Business plan.
- FCSS looking at options to relocate camp Wanago during the renovation of the Brownlee Building.
- G3 Facility Manager is in need of temporary office space for approximately 7 months until their new facility is ready.

**103.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the CAO report be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Nick vanRootselaar left the meeting at 11:45 a.m. and returned 11:47 a.m.

Councillor Stan Bzowy left the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

The Conference Call with CAO Dibbelt ended at 11:58 a.m.

**16. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

- A. Letter from Luanne Patterson ,CN Rail - Annual Vegetation Management Program.**
- B. Email - From Voices of Albertans with Disabilities ( VAD ) Re: National Accessibility week May 29<sup>th</sup> - June 4<sup>th</sup> , 2022.**
- C. News Release - MP Chris Warkentin responds to another disappointing Liberal Budget.**
- D. Peace Wapiti Public School Division - Board News and Capital Plan.**
- E. South Peace Regional Archives - Annual report 2021.**
- F. Letter - From Chris Warkentin Re: Support for Bill C-234.**
  - a) Letter - to The Honourable Steven Guilbeaut, Minister of Environment and Climate Change from the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Re: Support for C-234.**
  - b) Letter - to The Honourable Steven Guilbeaut, Minister of Environment and Climate Change from the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Re: Synthetic Fertilizer Emissions.**

**104.04.20.22** Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Correspondence and Information items be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

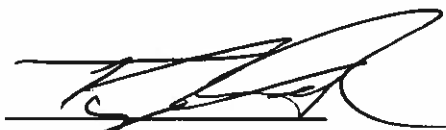
**17. COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

**18. CLOSED MEETING (FORMERLY IN-CAMERA)**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Reeve Van Rootselaar at 1:28 p.m.

These minutes approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.



**Reeve**  
Tony Van Rootselaar



**CAO**  
Dan Dibbelt